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Insurance Committee Public Hearing  
Thursday, February 18, 2010

Connecticut Association of Health Plans

Testimony regarding

HB 5004 AAC Transparency in Health Insurance Claims Data.

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans respectfully urges the Committee's caution with respect to passage of HB 5004 AAC Transparency in Health Insurance Claims Data. We very much appreciate that the draft before you recognizes some of our past concerns, however, we would be remiss if we didn't express to you our continuing reservation with regard to the underlying intent of the legislation and its potentially costly and burdensome requirements.

The bill under consideration would require the disclosure of certain claims data to employers under certain parameters. While we applaud the efforts in the bill to assure the confidentiality of the employees whose data is being provided, we remain concerned that with a group size of 50 employees that it remains fairly easy to tie specific claims with individual employees potentially compromising their privacy rights.

Furthermore, the anticipated level of reporting under the proposal is enormous. Pharmacy utilization data alone constitutes thousands of transactions requiring that health plans provide reams of data under this proposal. Similarly, reporting procedures and services by practice type is likewise costly and extremely burdensome. We would respectfully request that if such reporting is required, that language be added to the bill requiring that the employer bear the cost of providing such information.

As always, we thank you for your consideration.